

REMARKS

Claims 1, 19, 20, 21, and 29 have been amended. No claims have been cancelled or added. Hence, Claims 1 – 30 are pending in the Application.

In the previous Office Action, claim 18 was rejected under 35 USC 103 based on U.S. Patent 6,286,052, herein *McCloghrie*. *McCloghrie* qualifies as prior art under 102(e). However, *McCloghrie* cannot be 102(e) prior art for the purposes of 35 USC 103 because *McCloghrie* and the claimed invention are subject to common ownership. Such common ownership is proved by the following statement: The present application and *McCloghrie* were, at the time the invention was made, owned by, or subject to an obligation of assignment to Cisco Technology Inc., the sole assignee of record in the present application and for *McCloghrie*. *McCloghrie* does not qualify as prior art under any other provision of 102. Therefore, *McCloghrie* cannot be used as prior art under 35 USC 103.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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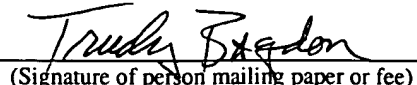
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